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Special Holiday Edition
Members Only Offer Inside!!



**LEGO
MANIA
HITS THE
HOLIDAYS!!**

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



UP CLOSE & PERSONAL



Maniacs, scope out this page carefully! It's packed with groovy details about your favorite LEGO celebrities and clues to help you solve the mysterious contest on the back page!

The Royal King

Favorite game: Chess
Favorite food: Oatmeal Pudding
Favorite Movie: Robin Hood
Favorite Headgear: His Shiny Crown



The royal ruler enjoys bombing around in his carriage and practicing his swordplay.

What does he like best about modern times? Snowboarding and TV. "There's a great mountain near Rudolph, Wisconsin, where you can grab some serious air and do extreme 'boarding tricks," says the king.

The king especially likes watching Castle Improvement on TV. "Not many people know how to fix a trapdoor like Hal and Jim," he says.

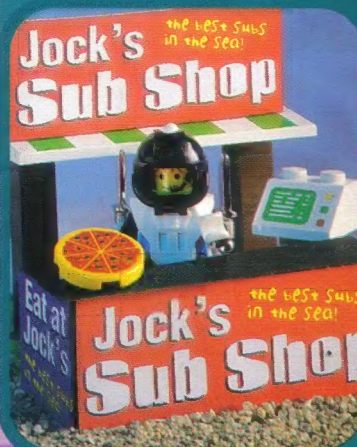
Captain Redbeard

Favorite book: Treasure Island
Favorite hobby: Coin collecting
Favorite movie: Hook
Favorite cartoon character: Yosemite Sam



When Jock isn't harvesting hydrolator crystals with the Neptune Discovery Lab's crane, he's running a chain of underwater sub shops that feature kelp burgers, seaweed salad, and plankton pizza.

His favorite sport is octopus wrestling, but he hasn't won yet. "In my last match in Snowflake, Arizona, even with two arms tied behind its back, I still couldn't beat that critter," Jock says. But for Jock, nothing beats strapping on his oxygen tank, fins, and mask and cruising colorful coral reefs.



Jock Clouseau

Favorite food: Kelp burgers
Favorite TV show: SeaQuest
Favorite movie: Jaws VI: Return of the Aquasharks
Favorite song: Under the Sea



Becky Blastinoff

Favorite food: Freeze dried ice cream
Favorite TV Show: Star Trek Voyager
Favorite hobby: Stargazing
Favorite Vehicle: Moon Dune Buggy

It's all systems go for this gung ho astronaut. What does Becky like best about being in space? "Zero gravity," she says. "I just have to remember to keep my arms tucked in when I sleep. Otherwise they float up and hit me in the face, waking me up."

Back on earth, Becky goes home to Evergreen, Alabama, where she's the champion "grabber" game player at the video arcade. "After plucking satellites out of space with the shuttle's 'Canadian arm,' I can grab one of those stuffed animals with my eyes closed."



Check out page 16 for the contest!

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Mail Bag

Send your stories & ideas to:
LEGO Club, P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Holiday Magic Brings LEGO Figures to Life!

Enfield, CT- The Holiday season is the most magical time of the year. Magical and mysterious things happen all over the world. Right here at MANIA MAGAZINE, we've been getting reports of LEGO figures coming to life. Just check out these strange but true stories. The figures have even taken over the magazine.



MANIAC DISCOVERS
BIG FOOT
BUILDING A SHUTTLE!






More strange but true stories on pages 5, 6 & 7!
(OK, they're not completely true, but they are strange)

























Check out the centerfold for members only special offer!

"MAJISTO, A DROID?"

by: Beau Christian Hesterberg of Texas

One day the  heard rumors about a  attacking villagers near his castle. The reports said that the attacks came from a fire breathing fortress atop a cliff. So the  took his sword Excaliber, and scaled the cliff. He wondered, "How does  control the ? I don't believe in sorcery."

Soon the  was at the top of the cliff. There he saw ! "Majisto," the  called, "your dragon days are over!"  waved his wand, and the  lunged. The  swung his sword Excaliber. The  leaped back. The  grabbed  and shook him. Majisto's clothes and skin ripped off.  was a !

The  shook his wand, and it sent radio signals. The  lunged again. The  ducked in between the 's legs, and crawled up his back. The  saw something in the 's ear. He took it out. Suddenly the  turned upon the  and destroyed it. Turning to the  , he said, "Thank you. That evil  put the ear phones in my ear and drove me crazy. Is there any way I can repay you?" The  replied, "Can you take me back to my castle? It's a long hike." **THE END**

Wow! Pretty intense story, Beau! We can't wait for the sequel.



COOL CREATIONS

AQUAPUS



Richard Noone, age 8, of Arizona sent us his great idea for the high-speed, multi-armed, crystal seeking Aquapus

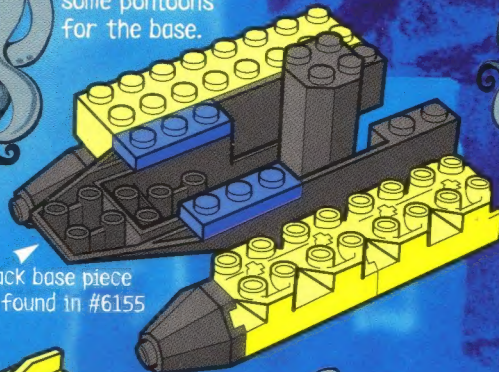


You can build your own "Aquapus" with pieces found in #6175 Crystal Explorer Sub, #6155 Deep Sea Predator, or with the pieces from your own collection!

Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send in your original model-making instructions to:
LEGO Club, "Cool Creations"
P.O. Box 1308, Enfield, CT 06083.
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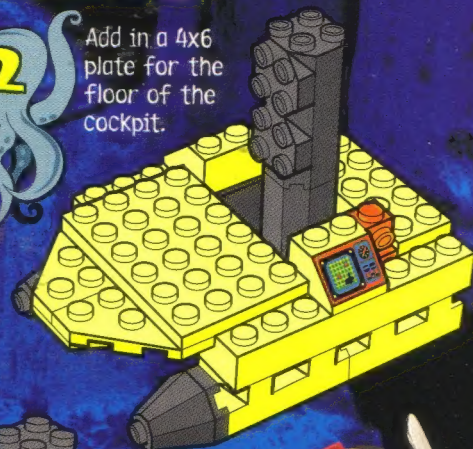
1 Start out with some pontoons for the base.



Black base piece is found in #6155



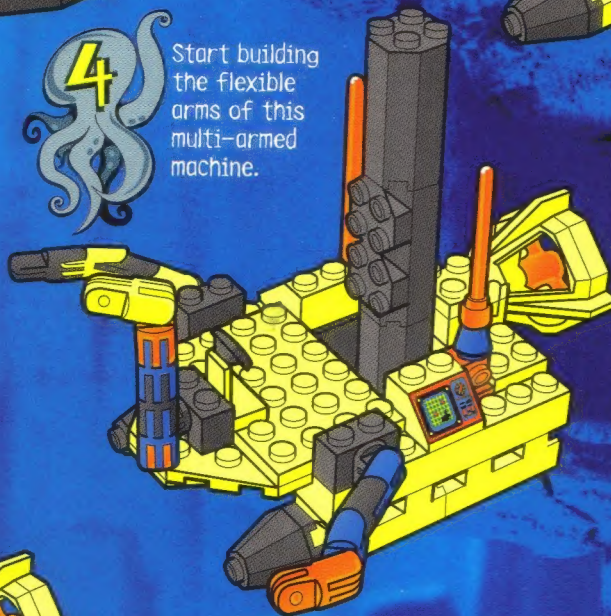
2 Add in a 4x6 plate for the floor of the cockpit.



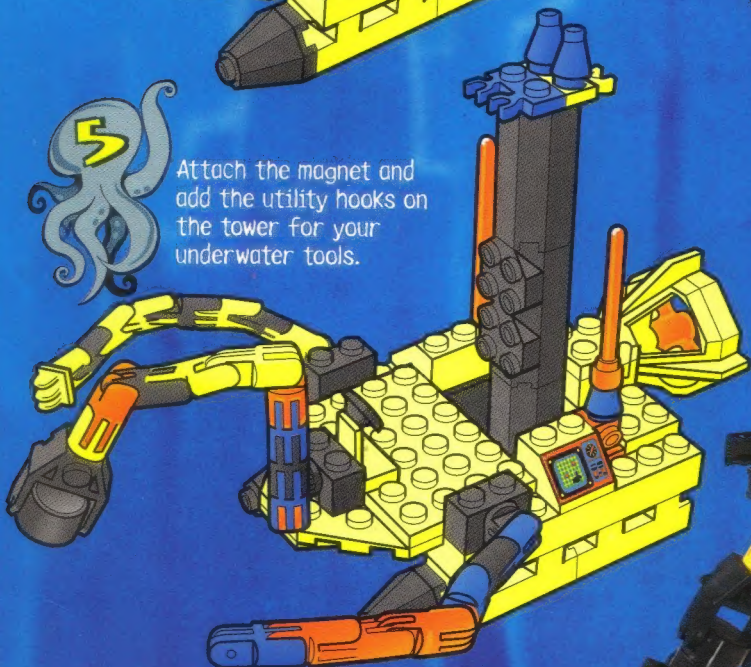
3 Power up this rad crystal grabber with a high-powered engine.



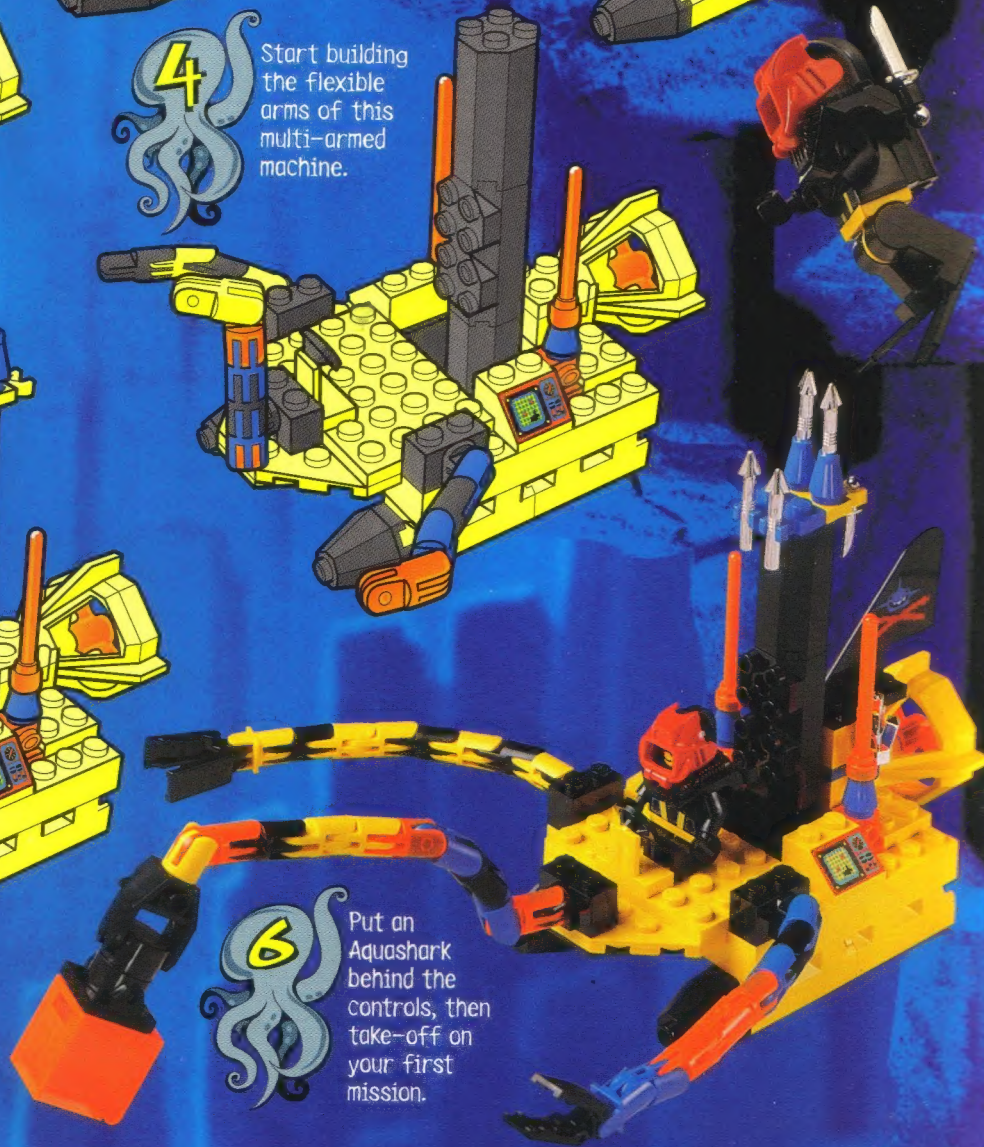
4 Start building the flexible arms of this multi-armed machine.



5 Attach the magnet and add the utility hooks on the tower for your underwater tools.

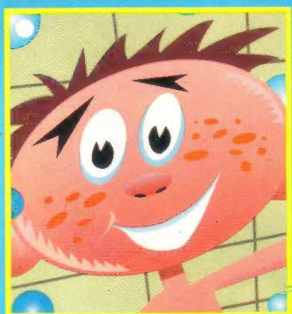



6 Put an Aquashark behind the controls, then take-off on your first mission.



LEGO Inquirer

For Inquiring Maniacs

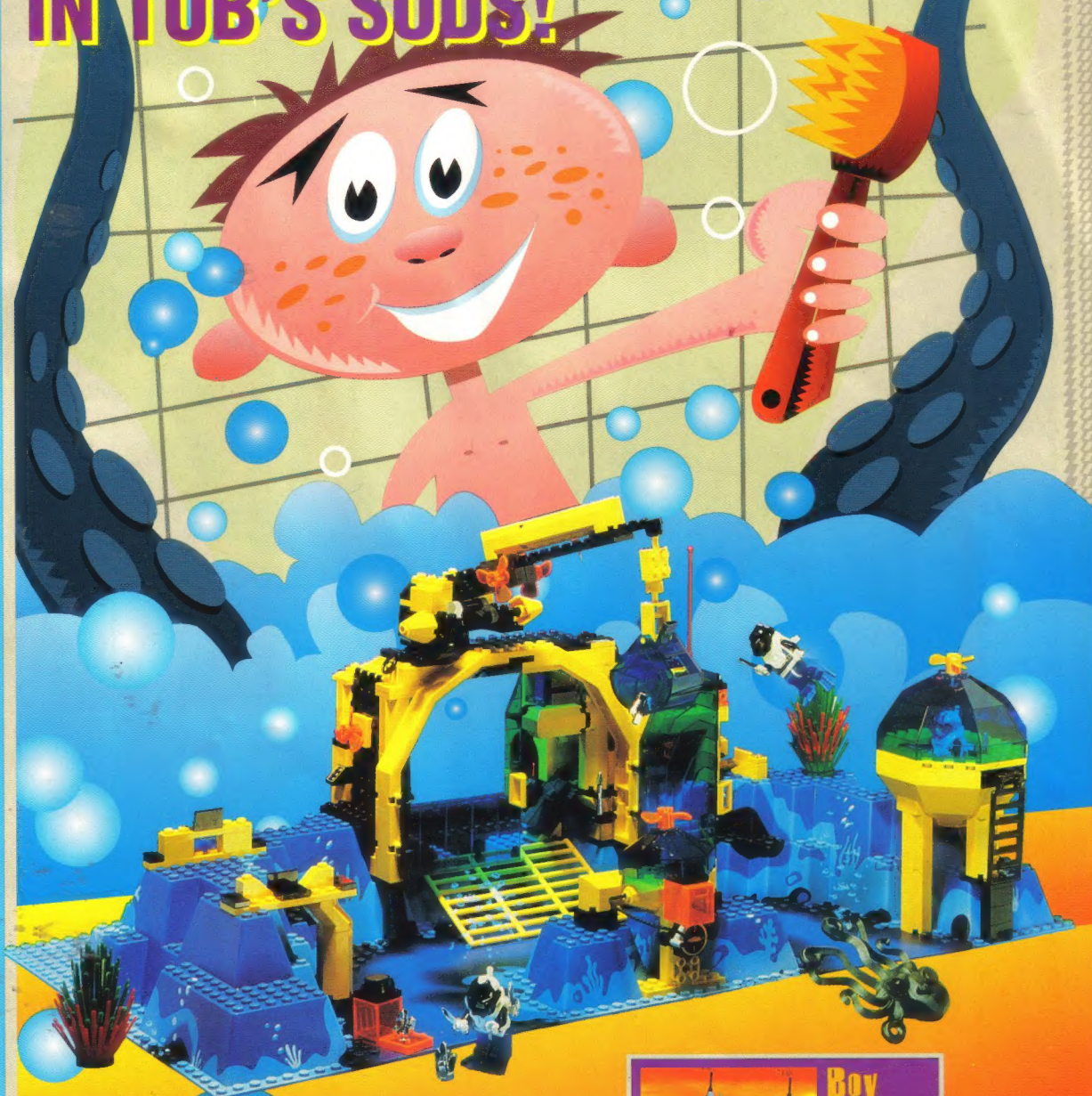


Snowflake, AZ • • 
 Ten-year-old George Bailey watched in amazement as his Neptune Discovery Lab swung into operation in the boy's bath. "I was just putting my foot in the water to see how hot it was when an octopus grabbed my toe. Then the lab lit up and the crane started unloading hydrolator crystals from the Crystal Explorer Sub," explained George.

George ran to get his mother and brother Harry, but when they went into the bathroom, there was nothing unusual happening in the tub. Then, when George climbed into the tub, the lab started up again. "It was real cool looking. The crystals were glowing, the motors humming and then an Aquanaut popped up through the bubbles and winked at me," George said.

EXCLUSIVE
Feature Story

AQUANAUTS SURFACE IN TUB'S SUDS!



**Town Decorated
by ELVES from
SPACE!** See Pg. 6
for MORE!



**Boy
lives
in...
Toy
Castle!**



Maniacs want to know

TOWN DECORATED BY ELVES FROM SPACE?

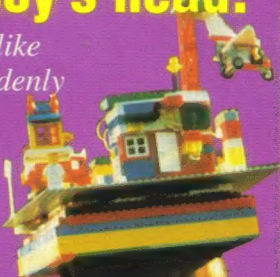


Evergreen, AL • • Over the last 12 nights, trees in Evergreen have been mysteriously decorated. Families who put up trees in the evening woke up to find their trees completely decorated. Left by each tree were small footprints.

Those footprints led people to believe that elves using space ships were the culprits... until now. An eye witness, Cindy Lou Dew, said her LEGO space shuttle decorated her family's tree. Little Cindy Lou got up last night to get a glass of water. She heard a noise and went to investigate. "The shuttle blasted off from the launch pad and zoomed to the top of the tree towing a string of lights. Then the astronauts hung a LEGO ornament on the tree's highest branch with the shuttle's special Canadian Arm," Cindy Lou said.

LEGO village grows out of boy's head!

"I was building like mad when it suddenly appeared" said Jeshua. "It does not hurt. But getting my hair cut has become a problem!"



Nope! Little Cindy Lou Says Shuttle Nauts Decorated Her Tree!



BOY LIVES IN ... TOY CASTLE!

Big deal!
I've lived
here forever!



Rudolph, WI • • Dan Anderson caused quite a stir in history class when he returned from vacation. Dan came to class wearing a cape, helmet and shield. "I'm training to become a Royal Knight." Dan told his teacher. When Dan said he was living in his LEGO Royal Knights Castle, he was sent to the principal's office.

This is Dan's story: "After I took my present up to my room, the Royal King rode over the drawbridge and said, 'Squire Dan, follow me for adventure.' So I did. It was weird. At first, I didn't think I'd fit. But when I touched the drawbridge, lights flashed, there was smoke, and, poof, I was inside. It's really cool living in a castle. There are secret passages all over, a ghost hangs out in the tower and there is an awesome catapult. The food's a little weird though. I eat most of the stuff - except for the eels. And the best part is the awesome ride back to my bedroom. I just open a trap door and slide down this slick ramp into my room."



... Is it really true?

Pirates Plunder Prize Presents!

LEGO, WV • • All over the world, holiday gifts have been disappearing. At the same time, large piles of sand have mysteriously appeared on Skull Island. Coincidence? "I think not," says King Kahuka. "I know for a fact that the pirates have been heisting holiday treasures and hiding them on Skull Island," he said. "They already filled up their secret cave with the big stuff like bikes and catamarans," the Islander King added.



King Kahuka screams "Stop Thief"



PRINCIPAL

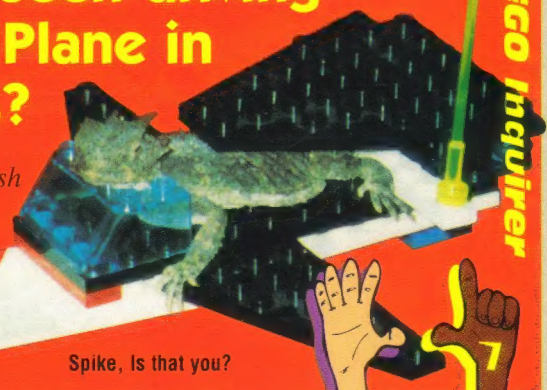


When told about King Kahuka's comments, Captain Red Beard replied, "The king is just mad because he didn't get the new red catamaran with the shields, spears and drum that he asked for. We have that...I mean, oh, you wanted to know about the, ah, sand piles. Well, the crew and I are just building a giant sand castle so we can get in the Guinness Book of Records."



Lizard seen driving Space Plane in Illinois?

Ryan Winslow & David Parrish spotted it late last night zooming past their town.



Spike, is that you?

LEGO Inquirer



SEND A PHOTO OF
YOUR MODEL TO:

LEGO Club
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Enfield, CT
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Remember to include
your name, address, age
and model name. Pictures will
not be returned, so take an extra
photo for yourself!



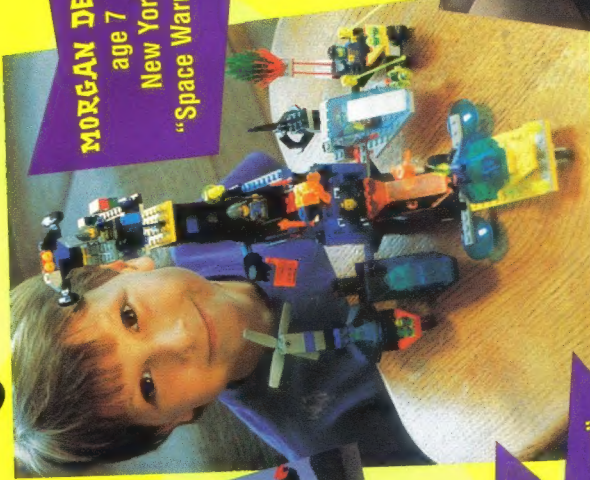
TOBY HUYSEN
age 11
"Island"

ADAM WUSHENSKY
age 10
Pennsylvania
"LEGO Cat"

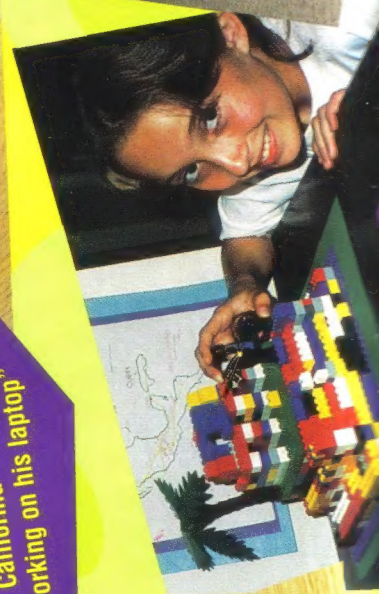
It has a pneumatic
cylinder and is electric -
its eyes flash green
its head pops up and its
mouth drops open!



MORGAN DECKER
age 7
New York
"Space Warriors"



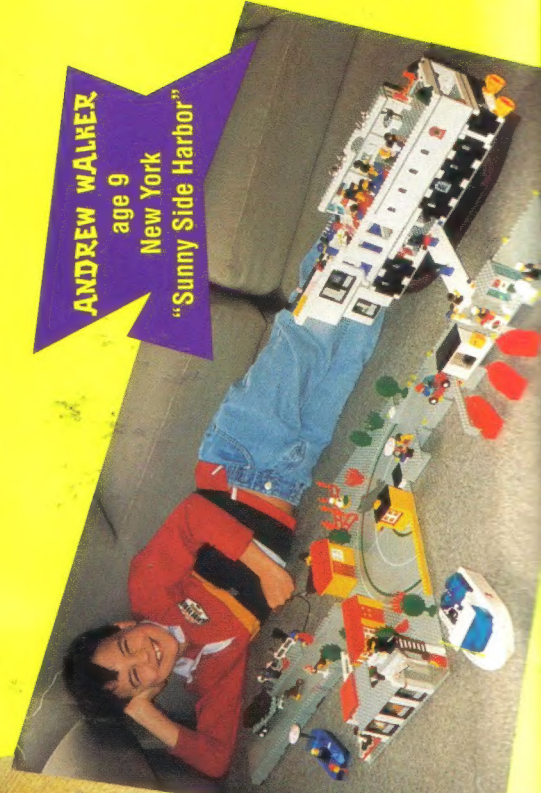
ROSS LEVIN
age 10
California
"Robot working on his laptop"



HARRY CAPRINO
age 31
Delaware
"Dragon King Sea Fortress"



ANDREW WALKER
age 9
New York
"Sunny Side Harbor"



ANDREW KEYSER
age 7
Illinois
"Punch Press"

ELIZABETH SHINGLETON
age 11
Georgia
"LEGO Aztec Temple I built for a history project"

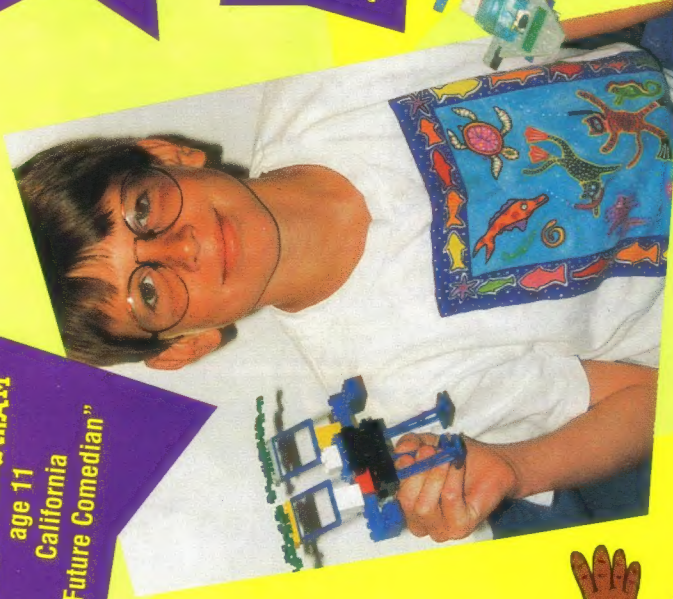


The battery powers the gears to move the "eye" press up and down!

JOHN JAMES AND TRAVIS BRADBURY
ages 9, 8 and 5
Illinois
"Castle"



WESLEY INGRAHAM
age 11
California
"Future Comedian"



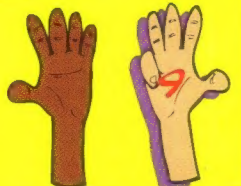
NICHOLAS SITTER
age 7
Iowa
"School Yard Fun"



MILES DEIFE
age 5 1/2
Washington
"Freeze Defender"



WEATHER WARNING!
A heavy blizzard dumped a ton of snow in LEGO Town. Skiers and sledgers should be careful. Loud noises and lots of sledding activity could cause avalanches. The fast moving storm is now headed to the North Pole, where the storm could delay delivery of holiday presents.



the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

BLAST OFF!

SHIPS AHoy!

COWABUNGA

EXCELSIOR!

ACCORDING TO THIS WEATHER REPORT, WARM AIR COULD CAUSE AVALANCHES ON THE SLEDDING HILL.

**RUMBLE...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE**

YAHOO!!

IS THAT YOUR STOMACH RUMBLING?

RUMBLE!

HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

LOOK OUT!

AHOY!

HERE COMES AN AVALANCHE!

DEEP SIX'D

THE SLEDDERS ARE TRAPPED IN A CAVE MADE OF SNOW!

HELLO? HELLO?

THAT WAS GNARLY DUDES!

OUCH!

DHIG..

I'M DIGGING MY WAY OUT.

NO WAY, MATEY.

THAT WON'T WORK.

WILL TOO, DUDE!

NOW SIRSS...

MY HEAD IS IN ORBIT.



CHILL OUT GUYS! 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY. WORK TOGETHER.

...AND REMEMBER, YOU KNOW WHO IS WATCHING!

THE MANIAC'S RIGHT. WE CAN BUILD OUR WAY OUT!

WE CAN DIG OUR WAY OUT WITH THE SHUTTLE'S CANADIAN ARM.

MY SLED IS BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD ALL OF US.

WE'LL TURN THIS BUGGY INTO A SUPER-FAST ICE BOAT BY ADDING MY MAIN SAIL.

MY HYDRO-PROP ENGINE WILL BUST US THROUGH THIS AWESOME SNOW CONE!

I SAY...

WE DID IT!

WE'LL GET HOME IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

AND BECAUSE THEY WORKED TOGETHER, THEY MAY EVEN GET SOME PRESENTS.

RADICAL DUDE!

I'LL HAVE TO TRY OUT THAT SLED!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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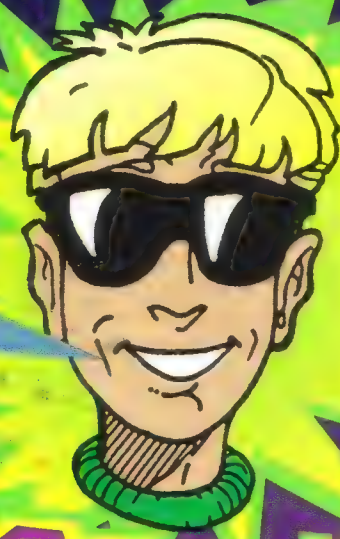
**For Kids
By Kids**



COOL CREATIONS

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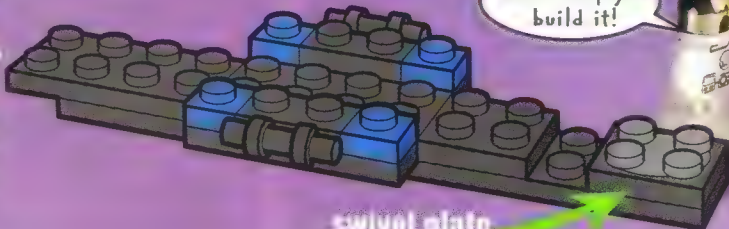
Don't wait for an avalanche to hit before you build this high powered sledding machine.



The SUPER SLED

1

Start building the chassis with a 2x12 black plate. Be sure to add a 2x2 swivel plate so you can steer this groovy rig.

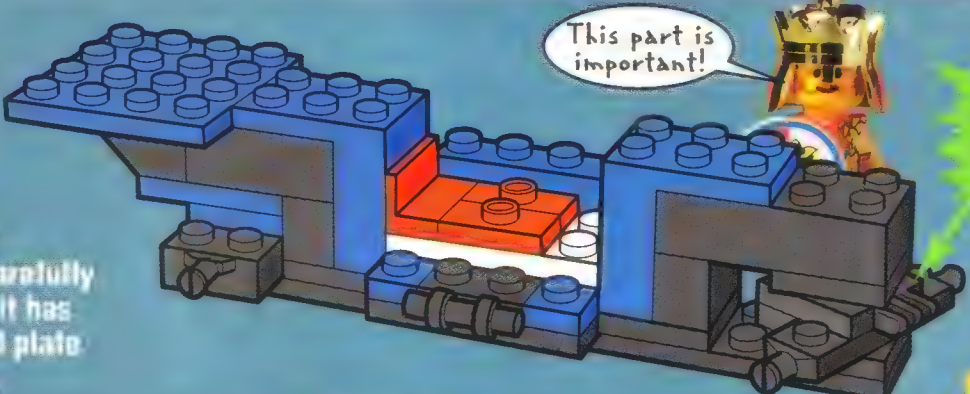


We'll help you build it!



2

Add the axles and start building the body. Look carefully at the front axle. It has another 2x2 swivel plate on top of the axle.



This part is important!

A 2x2 hinged swivel plate

3

Slap on a couple of doors so you don't fall out.



I hope I get to sit in here!



4

Power up your Super Sled with twin, high speed, jet engines.



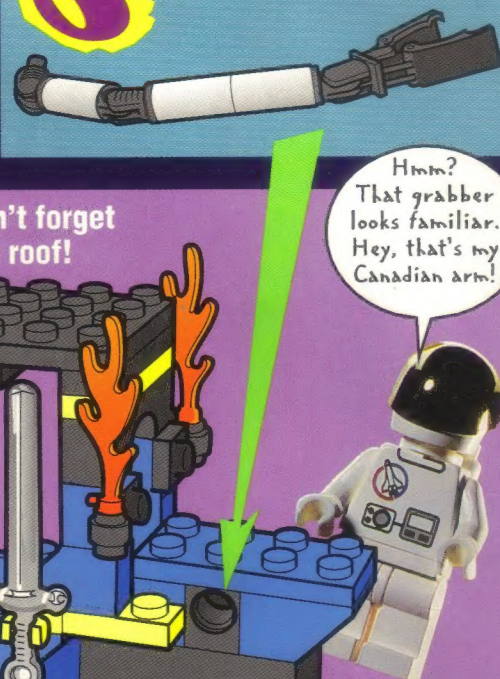
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Spruce up the winter dragster with some flames, a flag and shield!

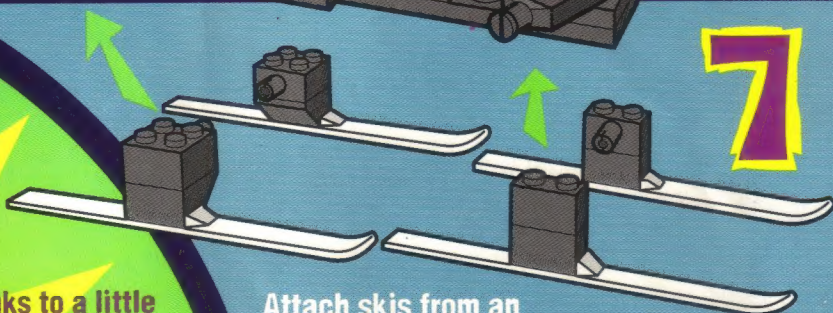


6

Add a grabber arm to dig your way out of trouble.



7



Thanks to a little cooperation and a LEGO Maniac's imagination, this SUPER SLED is powered up and ready for adventure!

Build-Your-Own

You can build the Super Sled like the LEGO characters in the comic with pieces from sets like #6044 King's Carriage, #6175 Crystal Explorer Sub, #6268 Renegade Runner, or pieces from your own collection.



TECH TIPS

LEGO Technic

#8858
Rebel Wrecker

Hey Maniacs!
Make it Move with
LEGO TECHNIC!

LEGO TECHNIC sets are special because you build cool moving parts on every model. Build fun features like: springing suspensions, pumping pistons, rotating rotors, working cranes, opening trunks and shifting gears. LEGO TECHNIC models look so real, you'll think they move by themselves. (And parts of them will - when you add the #8720 9-volt Power Pack.) If you were only seven inches tall, you could really move in these high powered vehicles. There are planes, helicopters, motorcycles, race cars, off-roaders and a monster truck.

LEGO MANIAC, Eric Bengfort of Texas, says this about his Rebel Wrecker: "I like the suspension best. You can push on it and it bounces just like a real one would."



Every LEGO TECHNIC set includes instructions to build 2 models.

Eric built the alternate Dune Buggy model!

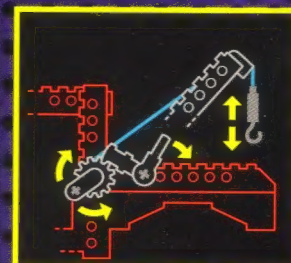


Drive over anything with big balloon tires!

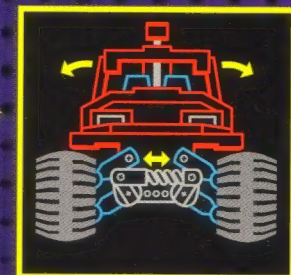
The Rebel Wrecker has lots of rad features!

#8720
Power Pack

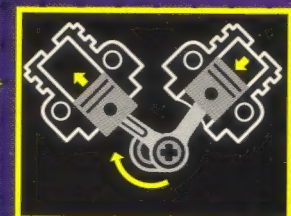
Crank the crane and give dude cars a tow!



Steer the beast with the knob on the roof!



Power up with 6 pumping pistons!



Check out the centerfold for Members Only Special Offer!

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**SKULLY
THE
SKELETON'S
POPPING
UP ALL
OVER!**

Get out your
magnifying glass and
Count the number of
times you can find
Skully in the Castle
scene!

(See answer at bottom of page.)



LEGO PICTURE FRAMES

The holiday Gift You Can Build Yourself!

Stephen and Patrick Martin of New Jersey, sent us this holiday gift idea. You can build a picture frame from pieces in your own **LEGO** collection. All you need are some plates, a hinge piece for the stand and some special elements for decoration.



Check out the cool frames
Stephen and Patrick built.



Hinged pieces can
be found in sets
#6571 Flame
Fighters and #6340
Hook and Ladder

Check
out this way
awesome offer
Maniacs!



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Who's the Holly Jolly Holiday Helper?

Guess who and you could win holiday prizes!



One LEGO character is helping deliver holiday cheer (and presents) around the world. Is it the Royal King, Captain Red Beard, the Aquanaut, or the Astronaut? Circle the correct LEGO character's name on the entry blank, and you could win a special LEGO holiday gift.

Okay, Sherlocks, use the clues below to identify this holiday helper. Then, whip out your magnifying glass and look at the Up Close & Personal section on page 2 and at the Special Edition Holiday Wish Book.

You could win one of these sets! Plus winners get a LEGO Holiday Ornament and LEGO Bedding Ensemble!



CLUES

This LEGO character...

- ...uses a crane to load presents.
- ...has an animal for a best friend.
- ...has a hideout with a secret entrance.
- ...loves barefooting.



The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct Holiday Helper will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value), a LEGO Holiday Ornament and a LEGO Bedding Ensemble. Entries must be postmarked by January 27, 1996 and received by January 31, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail by February 21, 1996. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1995 LEGO Group.

Cut Here and Mail by Jan. 27, 1996

How to Enter:

Just fill in the contest entry form, cut it out and mail by Jan. 27, 1996 to:
Holly Jolly Holiday Helper Contest
LEGO MANIA Magazine
P.O. Box 1625
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The Holly Jolly Holiday Helper is:
(Circle your answer)

- A. The Royal King
- B. Captain Red Beard
- C. The Aquanaut
- D. The Astronaut

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